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FROM : NIO for Narcotics

SUBJECT: Narcotics Warning Assessment

Attached is the assessment prepared on the basis of the Community views expressed at the 18 November warning meeting.

You or your representative are invited to attend the next warning meeting scheduled for 1400 hours, Thursday, 16 December, in Room 7 E 62, CIA Headquarters. Please provide your representative's name and clearance to [redacted] by COB 15 December.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM : David D. Gries
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SUBJECT : Narcotics Warning Assessment

The following items were discussed at the 18 November warning meeting.

I. Warning -- NIO described the kinds of developments that would constitute warning items such as a marked shift in trafficking or cultivation patterns. He asked attendees to feel free to submit items for this and other parts of the agenda.

II. Regional Developments

A. [] CIA reported that the estimate on marijuana^{25X1} acreage in Colombia came out today. [] they are 90%^{25X1} confident of 13,500 acres (about 80% of total acreage in marijuana) and an estimated yield of 4,000 tons for this fall's harvest. This would mean that Colombia is producing 8,000 tons a year; earlier estimates ran as high as 25,000 tons. He noted there had been some shifts in the acres under cultivation.

B. NIO called attention to the Attorney General's report on his recent trip to Southeast Asia, Pakistan, etc., where a main topic was narcotics trafficking, suggesting that interested participants seek it through their own channels.

C. NIO reported on highlights of the recent SEAsian narcotics conference, singling out the pannels on Intelligence and Enforcement. He noted several problems: 1) poor coordination between agencies involved in the field and 2) the fact that DEA agents in the field are often not cleared for NSA information so that [] intelligence is not available to^{25X1} them. DEA noted that this is also becoming a problem in Latin America.

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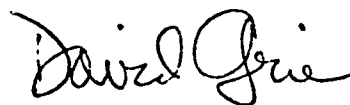
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D. CIA outlined ways that traffickers use to 25X1 launder money offshore, stressing that once laundered such funds become almost impossible to track. DEA reported that it had a recent case in which the money was moved by corporate and cashiers' checks (not the more common suitcases of cash). DEA also reported that they had noted a trend towards keeping the funds outside the US, probably due to increased trafficker awareness of the US abilities to attack such assets held in the US.

III. Plans for Interagency Work -- NIO explained the procedures for the NIE on Colombian Drugs for the benefit of representatives of agencies that have not participated in this process before. Various representatives suggested ways to help the principal drafter.

IV. Collection Implications -- Jon Wiant of State reviewed the work of an 1980 conference on financial flows which served to pull together what was then known and who was working on what. He noted that the diffuse focus of the group caused it to disband soon after. Following a discussion on what the next effort should concentrate on -- tactical problems within the US, ways to pressure specific countries to cooperate, or guidance to collectors -- NIO suggested that the first task should be a short statement basically designed to guide field collectors. It should emphasize those points at which flows are vulnerable to detection. He and Jon Wiant will assemble a working group for this.



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